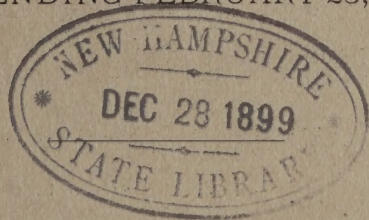


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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AND
SCHOOL BOARD,
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1889.



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1889.

TOWN OFFICERS.

OFFICERS CHOSEN AT THE MARCH ELECTION.

MODERATOR.

RICHARD M. SCAMMON.

TOWN CLERK.

JOHN J. SMART.

SELECTMEN.

JAMES W. ROLLINS, GEORGE E. GOWEN,
CHARLES W. SCOTT.

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN J. SMART.

SCHOOL BOARD.

JOHN J. SCAMMON, J. W. ROLLINS,
CHARLES W. SCOTT.

COLLECTOR.

H. H. LEAVITT.

OFFICERS CHOSEN AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

MODERATOR.

RICHARD M. SCAMMON.

REPRESENTATIVE TO LEGISLATURE.

FRANK H. SCAMMON.

DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION.

CHARLES W. JONES.

SUPERVISORS.

CHARLES J. BREWSTER, ASA J. CHAPMAN,
ALBERT A. HAVEN.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE H. ODELL.

TOWN TREASURER.

GEORGE H. ODELL.

AUDITORS.

CHARLES N. HEALEY, FREEMAN H. BURLEIGH.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Account of Collector H. H. Leavitt, 1888.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection.

State, County, Town and School Taxes,	\$4948 23
Non-Resident tax,	288 51
“ Highway tax,	32 19
Uncollected taxes of 1887,	67 42
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	\$5336 35

Collector Leavitt's discharge.

Non-Resident Highway taxes worked out,	\$7 46
Discount,	91 31
Collector's services,	75 00
Abatement of taxes,	23 39
Uncollected taxes of 1888,	213 54
Paid Treasurer in cash,	4925 65
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	\$5336 35

STRATHAM, Feb. 25, 1889.

This day examined the foregoing account of Collector H. H. Leavitt and find them rightly cast, well vouched, and a balance of two hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-four cents.

CHARLES N. HEALEY,	}	Auditors.
F. H. BURLEIGH,		

TREASURER SMART'S REPORT.

Received of the Treasurer, 1887,	\$31 02
George W. Dixon on note of town,	600 00
J. N. Thompson on note of town,	800 00
Collector,	625 00
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	\$2056 02

TREASURER SMART'S DISCHARGE.

Paid J. J. Scammon, services on school board,	\$55 00
C. N. Healey and J. J. Scammon, auditors,	6 00
Selectmen's bills,	143 00
W. O. Junkins, records of births and deaths 1887 to 1888,	2 75
David Jewell, services as clerk of school board,	5 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town reports,	21 00
C. N. Healey and J. J. Smart, auditors school report,	2 00
C. J. Brewster, services as supervisor,	10 00
George W. Dixon, interest on note,	12 00
George H. Odell,	241 88
J. J. Smart, services as clerk and treasurer, four months,	15 00
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	\$513 63

TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid N. H. Asylum in care Geo. O. Wiggin,	\$114 33
John Rundlett, support,	40 00
Sarah Philpot, " "	32 00
J. J. Smart, benefit Mrs. Mason,	39 74
Mary J. Johnson, board and care Mrs. Cheney,	33 71
W. O. Junkins, medical aid for Mrs. Cheney,	7 50
Geo. W. Bowley, benefit C. H. Nealey,	1 00
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	\$268 78

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid W. H. Farnum, breaking road,	\$3 00
A. A. Haven, " "	4 50
L. H. Thompson, " "	2 03
J. L. Goodwin, " "	19 10
Thomas Boardman, " "	1 05
F. P. Harvey, " "	34 01
N. P. Young, " "	16 90
G. R. Brewster, " "	58 40
G. W. Parkman, " "	23 70
G. W. Chase, " "	2 10
George P. Hoag, " "	47 35
A. A. Batchelder, " "	40 01
D. O. Hutchins, " "	64 61
George B. Wiggin, " "	.75
Geo. W. Dixon, " "	32 92
C. N. Healey, " "	26 53
Fred L. Jewell, " "	30 37
John J. Leavitt, " "	54 39
A. H. Otis, damage to sleigh,	4 00
George W. Parkman, damage to sleigh,	.75
Wm. Roby, damage by defect in highway,	10 00
C. N. Healey, repairs and lumber on bridge	2 00
F. P. Harvey repairing bridge, stone and lumber	115 80
Geo. W. Dixon, work on highway,	9 60
B. S. Jenness, " "	48 05
H. J. Willey, " "	60
D. O. Hutchins, " "	8 10
Geo. H. Wiggin, " "	36 42
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	\$697 04

SCHOOLS.

Paid J. J. Scammon, school books and supplies,	\$236 88
J. J. Scammon, benefit of schools,	330 00
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	\$566 88

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,	\$2056 02
Paid outstanding demands and sundry	
expenses,	\$513 68
Town and County Poor,	268 78
Highways and Bridges,	697 04
Schools,	566 88
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	\$2046 33
Balance,	9 69
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	\$2056 02

Stratham, Aug. 24, 1888.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer John J. Smart, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched, and a balance in his hands of nine dollars and sixty-nine cents.

C. N. HEALEY,	}	Auditors.
F. H. BURLEIGH,		

TREASURER ODELL'S REPORT.

Received of Collector Leavitt,	\$4300 65
Treasurer Smart,	251 57
Insurance Tax,	3 75
Railroad Tax,	223 09
Saving Bank,	967 96
Literary Fund,	98 01
Estate of Mrs. Cheney for sale of cow,	25 00
F. P. Harvey for rent of hall,	6 75
G. E. Gowen for lot in cemetery for	
G. W. Smith,	8 00
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	\$5884 78

TREASURER ODELL'S DISCHARGE.

Paid J. W. Rollins, bill of J. H. Batchelder,	2 42
G. W. Bowley, services after auditing,	3 50
A. N. Rollins, for watering trough,	3 00
Wm. H. Snell, abatement on tax,	.95
G. H. Odell, services as clerk and treasurer,	
eight months,	30 00
G. H. Odell, expenses to Concord and Ports-	
mouth to pay State and County tax and	
postage,	6 50
C. W. Scott, services on School board,	3 50
J. W. Rollins, services as Selectman,	64 00
C. W. Scott, " " "	37 25
Geo. E. Gowen, " " "	39 50
J. J. Scammon, services as clerk and treas-	
urer on School board,	41 25
F. H. Burleigh, services as Auditor,	3 00
C. N. Healey, " " "	3 00
Heirs N. E. Norton, abatement of tax,	1 06
Geo. R. Brewster, for wood,	3 37

County tax, 1888,	\$1295 63
S. M. Towle, moving safe,	5 00
G. A. Wiggin, insurance on hall,	33 00
G. W. Dixon, note and interest,	826 37
J. H. Batchelder, for town officer,	2 50
Geo. E. Gowen, for coal,	16 50
State tax for 1888,	1455 00
J. W. Rollins, services in estate G. O. Wiggin,	5 00
Geo. H. Tuck, damage to sheep by dogs,	26 00
S. Dame, " " " " "	18 00
J. W. Rollins, " " " " "	4 00
S. C. Dixon, for watering trough,	3 00
David Jewell, Jr., services as supervisor,	15 00
F. H. Scammon, " " "	15 00
Chas. J. Brewster, " " "	5 00
David Jewell, Jr., services as school clerk,	5 00
J. J. Lane, abatement of horse,	1 10
J. J. Scammon, services after auditing,	8 00
J. W. Rollins, services on school board,	6 25
J. W. Rollins, services as clerk and treasurer during illness of Mr. Smart,	3 50
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	\$3991 15

TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid N. H. Asylum in care Geo. O. Wiggin,	\$105 22
John Rundlett, support,	62 00
Sarah Philpot, “	39 00
G. W. Dixon, wood delivered J. Rundlett,	3 00
H. F. Dunn, goods “ C. H. Nealey,	48 50
G. H. Odell, “ “ “	63 00
“ “ “ Mrs. Mason,	56 00
J. E. Odell, rent of buildings for family A.	
P. Smith,	42 00
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	\$418 72

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. R. Brewster, labor on highway,	\$10 25
J. N. Thompson, labor and material on highway,	32 92
C. W. Scott, “ “ “ bridge,	22 15
F. L. Jewell, “ on highway,	1 09
B. H. Moulton, land for highway,	25 00
J. L. Leavitt, damage through defect on highway,	10 00
Wm. Robey, labor on highway,	1 80
J. F. Emery, “ “	60
Geo. E. Gowen,	1 75
John L. Leavitt,	5 00
G. W. Parkman,	7 65
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	\$118 21

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid J. J. Scammon. benefit of schools,	986 51
“ “ school supplies,	81 10
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	\$1067 61

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by Treasurer,		\$5884 78
Paid outstanding demands and ex-		
penses,	\$3991 15	
Highways and bridges,	118 21	
Town and County poor,	418 72	
Schools,	1067 61	
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	\$5595 69	
Balance,	289 09	
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		\$5884 78

Stratham, Feb. 25, 1889.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer G. H. Odell, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched, and a balance in his hands of two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and nine cents.

C. N. HEALEY, }
F. H. BURLEIGH, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Town of Stratham to James W. Rollins, Dr.

1888:

Mar. 19, 20, To preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	\$3 50
22, Going to Capt. Odell's on town business,	50
27, Going to Exeter on account of pauper,	50
28, Going to see Town Treasurer,	50
31, To one-half day in session at Postoffice,	75
Apr. 14, To one-half day in session,	75
18, To making settlement with Treasurer,	75
17, 20, 23, making assessment,	4 50
21, one-half day on account of defective road,	75
22, Exeter and Town Clerk's,	75
30, making two returns to Secretary of State,	2 00
May 1, one day on town business,	1 50
5, examining bridge,	50
10, one day on pauper case,	1 50
making taxes,	10 00
making record of inventory and taxes,	2 00
19, one day in session,	1 50
23, preparing Surveyor's books,	1 00
26, session at Hall and examining bridges,	1 00
28, appointing surveyors of highways,	1 00
30, 31, preparing Collector's books and qualifying surveyors,	2 50
June 5, appointing town officers and making return to Town Clerk,	1 50
9, examining road on petition and writing notices,	1 50
19, one-half day on town business,	75
26, widening and straightening highway and making return,	1 50

July 3, making appointment of Town Clerk and Treasurer and writing necessary papers,	1 50
4, going to Mr. Gowen's and Mr. Scott's for signatures,	75
9, abating a nuisance at Mr. Flynn's,	75
19, one-half day on town business,	75
Aug. 3, attending to pauper cases,	1 00
11, one-half day in session,	75
13, making settlement with B. H. Moulton, land damages,	75
20, Exeter and Postoffice on account of moving safe,	75
23, making settlement with Mr. Smart,	75
Sept. 11, 12, setting guide posts, and other town business,	1 50
14, going to Mr. Gowen's and Mr. Scott's to give notice of perambulating,	75
22, perambulating Greenland line,	2 00
29, jury meeting,	50
Oct. 1, writing a description of Stratham and Green- land town line and making return,	1 00
20, session at Town Hall,	75
22, session at Town Hall,	75
1889 :	
Jan. 1, attending to pauper case,	50
28, settling County bills,	1 50
Feb. 12, appointing Auditors and making return,	1 00
22, in session and preparing warrants,	1 50
23, 25, in session and auditing accounts,	1 50
Received payment,	\$64 00
JAMES W. ROLLINS.	

 Town of Stratham to Geo. E. Gowen, Dr.

1888 :

Mar. 19, 20, Repairing and delivering two blanks,	\$3 50
31, one-half day in session,	75
five and one-half days taking inventory,	11 00
one-half day in session,	75
Apr. 17, 20, 23, making assessment,	4 50
May 1, one day in session,	1 50
one-half day in session,	75
“ “	75
May 23, one day “	1 00
26, examining bridges,	1 00
28, appointing Surveyors on highway,	1 00
31, distributing Surveyor's books,	75
June 9, examining road on petition,	75
19, one-half day town business,	75
26, widening and straightening road,	1 00
Aug. 11, town business,	75
Oct. 20, one-half day in session,	75
22, “ “ “ “	75
Sept. 22, running Greenland line,	2 00
filling blank for Adj. General,	1 00
Making deed of Cemetery lot and Justies fees,	1 00
Serving notice on diphtheria patients,	1 00

1889 :

Feb. 22, in session settling bills,	1 00
23, “ “	75
25, “ “	75

 Received payment, \$39 50

GEO. E. GOWEN.

 Town of Stratham, to C. W. Scott, Dr.

1888 :

Feb. 29,	To one-half day in session,	\$ 75
Mar. 2,	“ “ “ “ “	50
	19, 20, preparing blanks and other business,	3 00
	31, half day in session,	75
April	taking inventory five and one-half days,	11 00
	half day in session,	75
	17, 20, 23, making assessments,	4 50
May	one day in session,	1 50
	half “ “ “	75
	“ “ “ “	75
	23, in session,	1 00
	26, examining bridges,	1 00
	28, 31, appointing surveyors of highway and distributing books,	1 75
June 9,	examining road on petition,	75
	19, half day on town business,	75
	26, widening and straightening highway,	1 00
Aug. 11,	half day in session,	75
Sept. 29,	jury meeting,	50
Oct. 20,	half day in session,	75
	22, attending County case,	1 50
	half day in session,	75
1889 :		
Feb. 22,	half day in session,	1 00
	23, “ “ “ “	75
	25, “ “ “ “	75

 Received payment, \$37 25

C. W. SCOTT,

 Town of Stratham to J. J. Scammon, Dr.

1888 :

Mar. 19, one-half day in session,	\$ 75
29, going to districts 1 and 3,	75
Apr. 17, " " " 1, 3, 4 and Postoffice,	75
25, " " " 1, 2, 3, and 4 with books and supplies,	1 00
May 3, two times to Exeter and to districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 with books,	1 50
4, visiting schools,	1 50
7, going to Exeter on account of stove pipe in district 3,	50
going to district 3, on account of same,	50
16, visiting schools,	1 50
June 8, going to district 2 and C. W. Scott's,	75
21, visiting in districts 1 and 3,	1 50
22, " " " 4	75
23, going to J. W. Rollins and Postoffice,	75
27, going to district 3 and Postoffice,	50
29, visiting district 2,	75
Aug. 21, going to districts 3 and 2,	75
Exeter and to J. W. Rollins',	50
25, " " " "	50
27, to district 3 and to A. J. Chapman,	75
28, going to Exeter and district 3,	1 00
29, advertising for teacher,	50
Sept. 1, going to district 3 on account of pump,	75
going to Epping on account of teacher,	1 50
3, going to district 3,	50
4, going to Newmarket Junction for teacher,	75
5, visiting schools,	1 50
14, going to Exeter for books,	50
going to district 1 and 2 with books,	50

Sept. 25, going to Exeter for and to district 3 with books,	\$1 00
Oct. 9, going to district 1, 2 and 3,	1 00
25, visiting district 1,	75
29, going to Exeter for books and to division 1 and 3 with same,	1 00
Nov. 9, going to postoffice, G. H. Odell's, Exeter, and visiting district 4,	1 25
22, visiting schools and to Exeter,	1 25
23, visiting schools,	1 50
Dec. 7, going to district 1 and 3, and to Exeter,	1 00
10, " " 3, D. Jewell's and to Exeter,	75
14, " " 3, with books and supplies,	50
17, visiting schools,	1 50
1889.	
Jan. 14, to district 3,	75
Feb. 9, To J. P. Chase's, J. W. Rollings and to Exeter,	50
18, going to G. H. Odell's, C. W. Scott's and districts 1 and 3,	75
20, visiting schools,	75
21, making school warrants and posting,	1 00
21, visiting schools,	1 50
22, " "	75
Received payment,	\$41 25
J. J. SCAMMON,	

FINANCIAL.

Amount of money raised for the year, and for what purposes.

By law, for State tax,	\$1455 00
“ “ County tax,	1295 63
“ “ Schools,	1018 50
By vote of the town,	350 00
“ “ general expenses,	1000 00
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	\$5119 13

Highway tax, in labor, \$600 00.

Whole amount of inventory, \$541,740 00

Rate of taxation on a hundred dollars, 95 cents.

TOWN DEBT.

Statement of Town Debt, Feb. 25, 1889.

Notes held against the town,	\$954 00
Money raised for school supplies and repairs, not drawn,	150 00
Unpaid bills, estimated	100 00
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	\$1204 00

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes of 1888,	\$213 54	
Cash in the hands of treasurer,	289 09	
Order on the County Treasurer,	335 75	
School money on hand,	31 00	
Money due from the estate of Geo. O. Wiggin,	160 00	
		\$1029 38
Balance against the town,		\$174 62

Debt of the town, March 2, 1888, \$721 54.

Geo. O. Wiggin, an insane person, who it may be well known, has been supported by the town since October, 1883, at the expense of not less than \$1200, by the death of his mother in May last, became the heir to one-third of her estate, which was appraised at \$2204 69. The amount of claims against the estate, including expenses of administration is \$701 83.

It is understood that his share of this, is available for his support from the time of his mother's death.

As arrangements are now completed at the County Farm for the support and proper care of the insane, his removal from the Asylum at Concord to this institution, where he may be supported at considerable less expense, seems advisable.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of treasurer, J. J. Scammon.

CASH RECEIPTS.

Received of town treasurer, school money raised by	
town,	\$1018 50
income from literary fund,	98 01
money raised by district,	200 00
J. W. Rollins, tuition of non-resi-	
dents,	7 00
amount received for books,	3 52
unexpended balance school money,	
1888,	51 00
unexpended balance, repairs, 1888,	63 82
town treasurer, for books and supplies,	81 10
	\$1522 95

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$1133 20
janitors,	43 00
wood,.	126 70
repairs,	93 57
cleaning school houses,	12 00
advertising for teacher,	1 00
conveying teacher,	1 00
school books and supplies,	81 10
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	\$1491 57

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid James H. Batchelder,	\$27 54
Porter & Coates, grammars,	14 25
Boston Supply Company,	21 48
“ “ erasers,	3 50
F. M. Ambrose, readers,	9 70
C. T. Sleeper, printing,	1 00
F. B. Smith, ink,	50
J. J. Scammon, express, postage, stationery,	
supplies and bank checks,	3 13
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	\$81 10

Cost of books on hand, not including two of Webster's Unabridged dictionaries in Divisions 1 and 3,	\$372 22
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REPAIRS.

Paid David Jewell, Jr.,	\$25 30
H. H. Leavitt,	4 50
J. W. Marsh,	50
J. J. Scammon, as per itemized account,	12 75
A. J. Chapman, for mason work,	1 00
J. Carlisle & Son, stove pipe and labor,	16 85

J. W. Rollins,	\$4 00
G. A. Wiggin, insurance on Divisions 1 and 4,	26 50
W. H. C. Follansby, crash,	1 20
C. H. Shaw, chairs,	3 00
W. L. Furber, pump for Division 3,	7 00
L. H. Thompson, grading,	2 00
O. Loomis, dishes, dippers, etc.,	1 45
Kelly & Gardner, mat, lock and bell,	2 60
Geo. H. Odell, pail, knob and broom,	60
Geo. F. Lord, brooms,	1 50
Boston Supply Company, liquid slating,	2 82
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	\$93 57

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by treasurer,	\$1522 95
Paid for teachers, janitors, fuel, cleaning school houses, advertising for and convey- ing teachers,	\$1316 90
repairs,	93 57
school books and supplies,	81 10
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	\$1491 57
Amount in hands of treasurer,	31 38
Due district from town,	150 00
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	\$181 38

STRATHAM, Feb. 25, 1889.

This day examined the foregoing account of Treasurer of School board and find them rightly cast, well vouched, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of thirty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents.

C. N. HEALEY,	} Auditors.
F. H. BURLEIGH,	

DIVISION 1.

Spring term taught by Miss Lizzie S. Titcomb, a teacher too well known by citizens of the district to need any comments from us farther than those given in our former reports. There were 23 scholars present at the close of the Spring term—14 girls and nine boys. All recitations were rendered in a prompt and confident tone. The average of the term was two less than the full number registered. Order, progress, and the general appearance of the school were all that could be desired. Much to our surprise and regret she tendered her resignation to accept a more permanent position. A much respected teacher.

The fall term was commenced by Miss Melissa J. Young, a competent teacher of large experience, exact in method and discipline and thorough in recitation who voluntarily resigned her position at the end of five weeks. After three days vacation, the school was continued by Miss Ida M. Slack of North Abington, Mass. Through the remainder of the fall term of six weeks and the winter term of thirteen weeks her duties were performed in an easy able manner, gaining at once the respect of her pupils, who were neat and orderly, prompt in recitation and obedience, showing that the good home and school training of the past was not lost sight of through the change of teachers. Miss Slack proved herself worthy of success; good progress was made by the school and all are entitled to credit. The teacher remarks that parents, pupils and citizens are entitled and have her most sincere thanks for the pleasant house that she has spent in and out of the school room during her connection with this school. Twenty-seven visitors were present at the close of the winter term.

DIVISION 2.

Miss C. E. Kimball teacher for the past five years still continues to retain the good will and confidence of pupils, parents and friends. Her school of nine at the last visit of the Board showed good and thorough training in every recitation. The schoolroom, though not modern in every respect, was neat, scholars quiet and orderly. The teacher retaining that same interest and parental regard for all, both large and small, has reason to be proud of her little group, as they are justly of their teacher. With reference to former reports we have nothing to retract, but congratulate those interested in this school in having so devoted a teacher acceptable to all. Four were neither absent or tardy for a term.

DIVISION 3.

The services of Miss F. B. Smith who has had charge of this school most of the time for the last four years were retained. Although the progress of many in this school has been much retarded for two years by sickness, good and well advanced classes of from three to twelve scholars each, can be found in this as any other in the district; in reading, geography, grammar, arithmetic, both written and mental, with algebra, all having received their share of attention. A good and friendly feeling seemingly existed between teacher and scholar, and the deportment as reported by the teacher is excellent. Whole number of scholars registered is forty-eight; one half of which form the primary classes, requiring much more time than larger pupils. All connected with the school should be thankful to have so faithful and untiring a teacher for so long a time. A school well cared for.

DIVISION 4.

The spring term was taught by Miss Etta E. Hatch of Exeter, coming highly recommended by her former committees, she proved herself a live enthusiastic teacher, a good disciplinarian, she used her best endeavors to awaken her scholars to sense of duty that they might show immediate improvement and tone due scholars of their age and advantages. A great change was wrought in her school. Good improvement was made in all branches taught. There were fifteen scholars present at the end of the term and the same number of visitors who with myself were highly pleased with the oral exercises, dialogues, promptness and general appearance of the school. An energetic teacher.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Lillian F. Perkins of Exeter. With a full determination to cultivate and improve the interest engrafted by her predecessor, she proved herself a good and efficient teacher, and the thirteen present at the close of the winter term acquitted themselves in a satisfactory manner. The teacher evidently tried her best to stimulate, emulate and lead her school to success. The average being two less than the whole number registered. At the close, the teacher was made the recipient of a handsome present by her pupils, presented by Mistress Amanda L. Berry in an appropriate little speech to which the teacher feelingly responded. The teacher remarks that thanks are due parents for co-operation, and scholars for diligence, obedience and punctual attendance. Punctuality and improvement go hand in hand.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the survey of our schools, the present and past year, we have little to condemn and much to approve, sickness being unavoidable which has made a sad havoc in our for-

mer record for punctual attendance and roll of honor, giving our register a spotting seldom if ever before witnessed.

They have been supplied with a lively corps of teachers ; former satisfactory ones have been retained when possible to do so. The tidal wave of matrimony proved too fatal to those of the Spring term of Divisions 1 and 4 for us to again secure their services. Parents and teachers have taken a great interest in the welfare and good deportment of their children, and pupils who, in return, have been studious, diligent, respectful and obedient. Many in the primary classes are not sufficiently matured in age to come within the average of scholars, and apply themselves to study without restraint.

When we recognize that the home training opens the heart, forms the habits, awakens the intellect, and moulds the character either for good or for evil, its effect upon the school will become more apparent, and the teacher less censured for not making the weak strong, the crooked straight, the rude polite, and the persistently ignorant willingly wise. Let each bear his own burden in such a manner that when called to that bourn from which no traveler returns, that the true and loyal will unite in saying, "The world is no worse for our having lived in it."

In conclusion, we feel under the greatest obligation for the courteous treatment we have received during our term of service from all alike ; parents, teachers, pupils, citizens, and friends. May you all live to enjoy the fruit of your labor, to see the indulgent father's pride, the fond and devoted mother's joy grown wise and discreet, good councilors, ranking among the first in our land.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCAMMON,	} School Board.
J. W. ROLLINS.	
C. W. SCOTT,	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy during a term :

Div. No. 1—John Chase, Marshall Chase, Charles Lane, John Lane, Arthur Tuttle, Russell Parkman, Lizzie Wiggin, Ella Deane, Kate Swett, Nellie Wentworth.

Div. No. 2—Ralph W. Burleigh, Mabel F. Robinson, Ethel J. Robinson, Eddie C. Robinson, Sadie A. Jones.

Div. No. 3—Ralph E. Gowen, Grace E. Gowen, Arthur H. Jewell, Ralph L. Jewell, Geneva B. Marsh, Clarence E. Gowen, Wyman D. Stearns.

Div. No. 4—Florence Rollins, Annie Johnson, Willie Johnson, Frank Batchelder, Charlie Johnson, Prentice Wiggin.

Text books used—Lippincott's Readers, Wentworth's and Robinson's Algebra, Harper's Geography, Higginson's History, Worcester's Speller, Raub's and Colburn's New Arithmetic, Raub's Grammar, Meserve's Book-keeping, Smith's Physiology, Business Standard Copy Book, Hooker's Natural History, Gray's Botany.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Divisions,	1	2	3	4	Total
No. weeks in Summer Term,	10	10	10	10	40
“ Fall Term,	11	12	12	10	45
“ Winter Term,	13	13	13	13	52
Average attendance, Summer,	23	10	31	13	77
“ Fall,	17	9	34	13	73
“ Winter,	24	12	29	13	78
Wages female teachers per month,	32	32	32	32	*
Whole number Scholars, Summer,	25	11	41	16	93
“ Fall,	27	13	43	16	99
“ Winter,	29	14	41	15	99
Avg. expense of each pupil during year,	13	28	9	20	†70
Avg. number minutes for each pupil daily,	16	33	11	25	85
Average number recitations daily,	25	24	31	12	92
Average number minutes given each,	13	13	11	15	42
Visits by members of Board of Education,	7	8	7	6	28
Visits by parents and others,	99	32	32	47	210
No. scholars in Arithmetic,	32	13	33	16	94
“ Reading,	40	18	48	16	82
“ Spelling,	40	18	48	16	122
“ Penmanship,	39	14	48	16	117
“ Grammar,	14	4	14	8	40
“ Geography,	29	9	33	16	87
“ Composition,	16		14	7	37
“ History,	4	2	14	3	23
“ Physiology,	26	2	21	2	51
“ Algebra,	1	1	7	2	11
“ Book-keeping,	5	2	5		12
“ Astronomy,					
“ Natural History,	2				2
“ Physical Geography,					
“ Chemistry,		1			1
“ Botony,			3		3
“ Geometry,	1				1
“ Drawing,				15	15
“ Philosophy,				2	2

No. of Scholars as enumerated by Selectmen, 115; males, 48; females, 67.

*Total teachers salaries, \$128 00.

†Teachers' salaries only.

School money raised by town,	\$1018 50
Income from Literary Fund,	98 01
Tuition, non-residents,	7 00
Money raised by District,	200 00

Whole amount of school money, \$1323 51

SCHOOL WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. } To the inhabitants of the school district of the town of Stratham, qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, on the second Tuesday of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects :

4. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the year ensuing.
3. To choose one member of the school board for the term of three years ensuing.
4. To see if the district will dig a well in Division 2, and raise money for the same.
5. To see what sum of money the District will raise in addition to the amount already raised for repairs, insurance, and other necessary expenditures for the ensuing year.
6. To hear report of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any article embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 21st day of February, 1889.

J. J. SCAMMON, }
J. W. ROLLINS, } School Board.
C. W. SCOTT, }

VITAL STATISTICS
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATHAM,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child, If any.	Color.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		No. of Child, 1, &c	Living or Stillborn.	Male or Female.									
Jan. 10	Cragg	9	L	M	Arthur Cragg	Emma Chapman	All White.	Stratham	Florist	England	Stratham	36	32
" 25	May Louise Dame	2	L	F	Clarence L. Dame	Susan L. Enslin		"	Harness Maker	Malden	South Malden	26	23
Feb. 3	Joseph E. Simpson	2	L	M	Fred Simpson	Mary Merrill		"	Laborer	Winnoma, Minn	Stratham	30	32
Mar. 14	Roscoe H. Clapp	2	L	M	Wm. E. Clapp	Charlotte E. Leavitt		"	Carpenter	North Hampton	"	28	29
Apr. 9	Chapman	4	L	F	Asa J. Chapman	Martha Chase		"	Mason	Stratham	"	30	32
May 3	Severance	1	L	F	Fred W. Severance	Annie O. Smart		"	Farmer	Boston, Mass	Augusta, Me	40	32
June 17	Frank H. Scammon	1	L	M	Frank H. Scammon	Josephine Pickering		"	Butcher	Stratham	Stratham	21	19
Aug. 4	Leavitt	2	L	M	Hezekiah H. Leavitt	Annie M. Ayers		"	Carpenter	Stratham	Greenland	27	26
" 19	Smith	2	L	F	Harry V. Smith	Mabel O. West		"	Farmer	"	Stratham	43	32
Oct. 1	Rand	12	L	M	Samuel L. Rand	Ellen S. Dixon		"	Farmer	Lowell, Mass	Chester	21	17
										Exeter	Kittery, Me	35	41

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Occupation of Groom & bride	Place of Birth of each.	Age in years.	Color.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of persons by whom married.
April 25	Stratham	Chas. J. Brewster	Stratham	Farmer	Stratham	28	All white.	Chas. Brewster Phoebe "	Salmon Falls Stratham	Farmer	1	Henry Stetson Stratham
Nov. 24	Stratham	Hattie L. Warsaw Winfield S. Kelley	Stratham	Butcher	Portsmouth Stratham	24 36	All white.	E. R. Warsaw A. S. Warsaw Jas. W. Kelley	Montgomery, Ala Greenland Bangor, Me	Sea Captain Trader	1	Clergyman Geo. A. Foss Stratham
Dec. 12	Stratham	Hattie E. Grant Chas. Grant Jr.	Stratham		Lebanon, Me	18		M. S. Kelley Chas. Grant Hulda "	Stratham Lyman, Me Berwick, Me	Farmer	1	Clergyman Geo. A. Foss Stratham
		Carrie I. Gowen	Stratham	Farmer	Lebanon, Me	28		Hulda Chas. Grant	Lyman, Me	Farmer	1	
			W. Newbury, Mass		W. Newbury, Mass	30		Ezrikel Hannah "	Berwick, Me Shapley, Me Newburyport	Farmer	1	Clergyman Stratham

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Date. — 1888.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth	Male. Female. Color. Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease, or cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.
		Years	Months	Days				Father	Mother.				
Jan. 8	Eleanor Brewster	89	2	5	Stratham	W	Lady	Stratham	Greenland	Bemsley Pottle	Eleanor Pickering	Old Age	
" 10	Hannah E. Ramsdell	60	3	12	Portsmouth	F	Housewife	Portsmouth	New Hampton	Wm. A. Gove	Hannah Crockett	Cancer	
Feb. 26	Nancy Staples	82	5	21	Stratham	M	Housewife	Stratham	Stratham	Benj. D. Foss	Mercy Wiggins	" Rowels	
Apr. 7	William Bacon	63			Ireland	S	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland	Robert W. Bacon		Gangrene	
May 3	Severance				Stratham	M		Boston	Stratham	Fred W. Severance	Annie O. Smart	Still Born	Farmer
June 3	Nathan E. Norton	62			"	F	Blacksmith	Stratham	Newmarket	David S. Norton	Sophia Doe	Apoplexy	
" 17	Mary L. Odell	34	7		"	S	Lady	Stratham	Stratham	Geo. H. Odell	Louisa Barker	Peritonitis	
Aug. 3	Augusta Jones	77	1		Newmarket	W	Lady	Winnona	Stratham	Jacob Wiggins	Mary E. Merrill	Old Age	Farmer
Sept. 25	Joseph E. Simpson	77	2		Stratham	F	Lady	Stratham	No. Hampton	Fred Simpson	Hannah Marston	C. Infantum	Laborer.
" "	Sarah F. Moore	64	8	1	"	W	Lady	Stratham	Stratham	Levi Jewell		Heart	
Oct. 3	Eliza J. Smith	73	3		"	W	Lady	Stratham	Stratham	Aaron Jewett	Nancy Smith	Old Age	

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